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Michael D. Hooven)
Serial No.: 10/015,868)
Filed: December 12, 2001)
Group Art No.: 3739)
Examiner: Rosiland S. Rollins)
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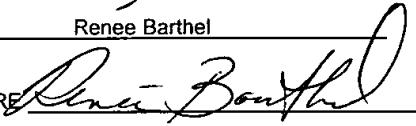
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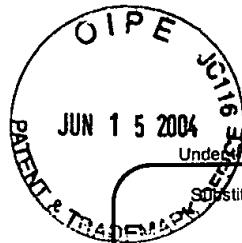
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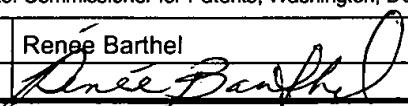
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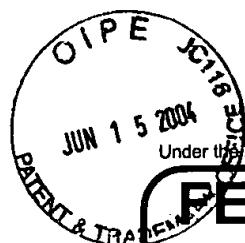
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